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SUBJ: MTN STANDARDS SUBGROUP MEETING

REF: STATE 93498

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL US MTN DEL CONTACTED PETER WILLIAMS OF GATT SECRETARIAT CONCERNING UPCOMING MEETING. WILLIAMS STATED GATT SECRETARIAT HAD NOT YET FULLY FORMULATED THEIR IDEAS FOR THE MEETING BUT A REPORT ON THE ECE/ISO MEETING ON DEFINITIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA. HE OPINED THAT FOCUS OF THE MEETING WOULD BE ON DEFINITIONS BUT THAT SOME DELEGATIONS MAY WANT TO DISCUSS THOSE PARTS OF DRAFT CODE NOT DISMISSED AT LAST MEETING AND OTHERS MAY WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT MTN/W/37 AND 38.

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2. WILLIAMS ADDED THAT THERE ARE TWO ERRORS IN MTN/W/37 AND 38 THAT HAD COME TOEHR ATTENTION AND THERE MAY BE MORE. THE FIRST ERROR WAS THE OMISSION OF THE AGREE-MENT AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING TO INSERT THE WORDS "AND RATIONALE" IN SECTION 2(E) (II). MTN/W/37 ALSO OMITTS THE ISRAELI SUGGESTION TO INSERT "AND IDENTIFY THE RELEVANT PARTS WHICH DIFFER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD. IN 2(E) (III). WILLIAMS THOUGHT DELEGATIONS MAY HAVE NOTICED SIMILAR OMISSIONS AND WOULD WANT TO BRING THEM UP IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING.

3. THE GATT SECRETARIAT WILL NOT ISSUE THE AIRGRAM ANNOUNCING MEETING UNTIL NEXT WEEK. IF US HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR ORGANIZING THIS MEETING WE SHOULD RELAY THEM TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT THIS WEEK. AS HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST, THE MEETING WILL START MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 17 UNLESS SOME DELEGATION FEELS STRONGLY TO THE CONTRARY. WALKER

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